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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, and in connection with the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (1) Exhibit A, a marked up version of the paragraph in the specification amended herein; (2) a Utility Patent Application Transmittal Cover Sheet; (3) a Continuation Application Transmittal Letter (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; (3) a copy of the application; (4) a Sequence Listing in paper format; (5) an Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (6) a revised PTO form 1449.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. In the event an additional fee is required, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 7 with the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial No. 09/324,986, filed June 2, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/032,337, filed February 27, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/609,583, filed March 1, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,204,371, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/487,748, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,721,351, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/398,633, filed March 3, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,066,322, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct the claim to priority recited in the specification as originally filed. Specifically, the specification has been amended to indicate that the instant application is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/324,986, filed June 2, 1999 and to update the status of the applications recited in the claim to priority. A marked up version of the paragraph in the specification which has been amended, with deletions and additions indicated by brackets and underlining, respectively, is attached hereto in Exhibit A. No new matter has been introduced by the above-made amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above-made amendments and remarks into the file history of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

**A MARKED VERSION OF PARAGRAPH IN THE SPECIFICATION
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